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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 98,475-B1)

In re Application of:

Paul Mertens, Marc Meuris, and Marc Heyns

Serial No.: 10/074,706

Filed: February 13, 2002

For: Method and Apparatus for Localized
Liquid Treatment of the Surface of a
Substrate

Group Art Unit: 1765

Examiner: Shamim Ahmed

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached
 - a. Response to Office Action; and
 - b. Return receipt postcard.
2. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
3. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR §1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on April 23, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 23, 2004

By:

Lisa M. Schoedel
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Address to:

Commissioner for Patents
Box RCE
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450Attorney Docket No. 98-475-B1
Application No. 10/074,706
Filing Date: February 13, 2002
First Named Inventor: Mertens et al.
Group Art Unit: 1765
Examiner Name: Ahmed, Shamim**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.****1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 23, 2004. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply – Copy of Response to Office Action filed April 23, 2004.
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

APPLICATION FEES

BASIC FEE		\$ 770.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time fee	+\$	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	+\$	\$
Total of above calculations =		\$ 770.00
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TOTAL =		\$ 770.00

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3. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 13-2490 in the amount of \$
4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any additional fees of the following types to Deposit Account No. 13-2490:
- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
 - b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
 - c. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.
6. The Commissioner is hereby generally authorized under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any future reply in this or any related application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53 requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor, and the Commissioner is hereby specifically authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2490 for any fee that may be due in connection with such a request for an extension of time.

7. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

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8. USPTO CUSTOMER NUMBER**20306**

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McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff LLP**9. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name Lisa M. Schoedel

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Date May 25, 2004

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicants respond to the Office Action dated February 25, 2004 as follows.